

Partisan rancor is tearing this country apart, and now, with the partisan actions of a powerful media group, it threatens to damage the central-most values of our democratic process: free and fair elections.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to twist the arms of their affiliates, forcing them to broadcast an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election is a example of the dangers of media consolidation, and a clear violation of the public trust.

Sinclair is obligated, by law, to serve the public interest. When conglomerates control our airwaves, it's extremely dangerous to democracy, and could pave the way towards Soviet-style propaganda.

Sinclair's intentions demonstrate why we need government oversight of media ownership – not to weaken businesses – but protect our values and way of life. Indeed, Sinclair's actions underscore the need to ensure that the license renewal process involve more scrutiny than it currently receives.

I trust that you will guard our democratic principles and disallow this offensive attempt to interfere with free and fair elections.

Thank you.